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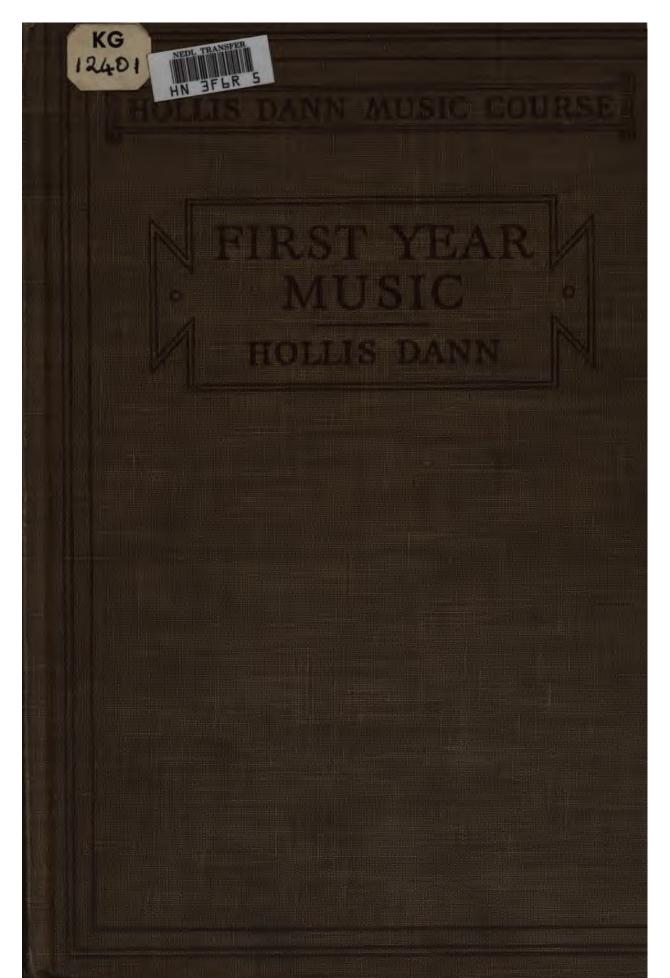
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FIRST YEAR MUSIC

ROTE SONGS FOR KINDERGARTEN AND FIRST YEAR

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PREFACE '

This book is intended to furnish suitable and attractive song material for the first year in music, together with directions for the presentation of the same.

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INTRODUCTION

This book is a collection of Rote Songs for the children of the Kindergarten and first grade, and a manual for the teacher. The book is to be used in connection with the author's Musical Dictation, Book I, which provides all necessary material and directions for first year music, outside of Rote Singing.

MUSIC — A LANGUAGE

Language is "a means of expressing or communicating feeling or thought." Many languages are in use in Europe and America, but often intercommunication is impossible because the language of one people is unintelligible to another. Music is a common means of expression for all Western civilization and is therefore the most nearly universal of all languages. We can understand and appreciate the music of European composers and enjoy and understand its interpretation by foreign artists, whose speech and language are unknown to us.

The proper way to begin the study of a language is by imitation. Through imitation we best learn to think and speak a new language. In all cases, the ability to think and give expression should precede the attempt to read, for reading is simply the ability to recognize thoughts represented by symbols. Unless the ability to think in the language is present, the symbols are meaningless and reading is impossible. The elements of the tone language must be learned through the ear by imitation, as the mother tongue is learned. Rote singing, therefore, is the only logical and sensible beginning of the study of music.

TONE QUALITY

Children sing with a mellow, flutelike tone, easily and without effort, when properly taught. Every really good boy-choir illustrates this beautiful, appealing tone-quality peculiar to children. The brilliancy and refinement of tone produced by a well trained choir of carefully selected voices cannot be obtained in the public schools, yet the same tone-production and quality can be obtained if the grade teacher will learn to discriminate between good and bad tone, and to teach children correct tone-production. This is especially easy and practicable with first grade children, few of whom have formed wrong habits of singing.

Technical knowledge of the voice is not required of the teacher. Even the best methods of training the adult voice cannot safely be applied to the training of the child voice.

The teacher's first step is to gain the ability to discriminate clearly between

od and bad tone-production. The teacher's ear must become very sensitive tone-quality so that bad tone is positively annoying and painful to her.

The voice of the child from six to eight years of age is very light when perly used. Under no circumstances should these young children be encoured or allowed to sing with any but a light, soft tone.

The one, true, musical way for children to sing is with the "thin, or head ce." This is the unanimous opinion of all the great authorities on the child ce. The tone is sweet and agreeable, mellow and musical, and is produced hout effort or strain. By extending the thin, head voice downward, the soled "break" is avoided, and all tendency to force and strain the voice and oat is removed.

The teacher who aspires to teach children to sing should realize that the portance of tone-quality overshadows all other elements of school music. e habit of singing with a mellow, flutelike, musical tone, produced naturally leasily, without effort and without fatigue or injury to the voice, is vastly re important than sight singing or any other feature of the study.

Unless under skillful direction, children in classes invariably sing with a rse, harsh, shouting tone which impairs and often ruins the voice, makes good ging impossible, and causes all manner of bad vocal conditions. Any amount skill in sight reading cannot compensate for impaired and broken voices, ained and weakened throats. These are the inevitable consequences where pervisors and teachers fail to take proper care of the delicate mechanism of a singing voice of the child. Wherever children are allowed to sing as they ase, "naturally and heartily" as advocated even by some prominent educate, the tonal conditions are invariably bad and the consequences disastrous.

The principal cause of harsh and unmusical tone in the first grade is the ctice of allowing children to sing in a low compass, thus encouraging the use the thick "chest" voice. This practice will inevitably produce dangerous l abnormal conditions. A stiff jaw, rolled-up tongue and puckered lips will ely develop if children are allowed to use any but the light, thin, head voice. od tone-production is impossible with such conditions prevailing. The teeth should be apart on all vowels inver jaw is absolutely essential. ding **e**. Many children sing the vowel **e** with the teeth closed. not be produced with the mouth closed; forcing the mouth open while the iscles are set, is almost as bad as the closed mouth. The tongue should lie turally, having perfect freedom of action. The lips should be natural and Tightening the lips stiffens the muscles of the face. All of these faults evidences of wrong effort and abnormal conditions. The teacher should enever to remove the cause, but should not make the child self-conscious by sing about the lips, and tongue and jaw. The jaw, tongue, and lips must reand assume a natural and normal action.

BREATHING

The use of breathing exercises by Kindergarten and first grade pupils, tally does more harm than good. Repeated attempts by young children to be a "big breath," induce the worst and most troublesome habit of breathing,

known as collar-bone breathing, evidenced by an over-inflated chest and raised shoulders. Only general suggestions encouraging deep breathing, and then mostly having to do with position, are advisable at this time. The teacher knows that taking the deep breath causes the depression of the diaphragm and the consequent expansion of the abdomen, followed almost simultaneously by the sideways expansion of the lower ribs. The child breathes this way when he sleeps. The teacher should aim to keep the position correct and the breathing normal.

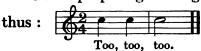
The singing of children should never be conducted by teachers who do not know how to secure safe tone-production.

Help from the supervisor or from some other trained teacher is almost a necessity. Careful study of two or three little books will be of great assistance. "How to Train Children's Voices" by T. Haskell Hardy; "The Child's Voice in Singing" by F. E. Howard; and "The Boy's Voice" by J. Spencer Curwen, are invaluable books for the teacher.

FIRST STEPS IN MUSIC

We will suppose that the teacher is about to give the first lesson in music to a first year class. Obviously the first thing required of the child is the ability to match tones. One-third or one-half of the class, and sometimes more, will at first be unable to match tones, but a large proportion of the class will succeed in matching tones at the first lesson by "playing engine."

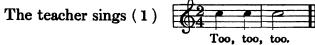
After proposing the "game," the teacher asks all to toot like an engine,



Note: A chromatic pitch pipe is a necessity unless there is a piano in the room. Even then the pitch pipe is preferable.

After all have "tooted" together a few times, the teacher should walk about the room, carefully listen to each child, and quietly take the name of each one who does not sing the correct tone. These children need individual attention daily until they are able to match tones. Seated where the children can gather around, the teacher works with each child alone. The imagination must If the tone is too low, lead the child to think a higher tone. The skill of the teacher lies in leading the child to think correctly — to imagine he hears a high tone. By means of this simple method, nearly all of the children may be taught to match tones in a few weeks. The teacher should avoid calling any child a monotone. He may be called a "listener." He should not attempt to sing with the class. Such attempt only arrests progress, for the sound of his own voice keeps the child from hearing the correct tone. As soon as a child is able to sing the simplest tonal groups as given below, he may be allowed to sing with the class.

At the second lesson, the "singing class" (those who can match tones) may continue as follows:



Class imitates, several times.



Class sings several times.

The teacher then sings No. 3, the class imitating as before.

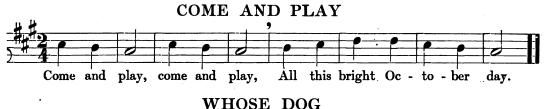


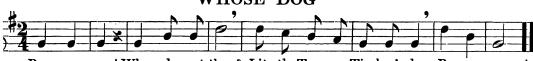
The teacher should be sure to sing with the light, head tone. The vowel oo ds itself readily to the head-tone-quality and if sung to the pitch here sugsted, there will be no difficulty in getting the soft, mellow tone desired. The cher should make sure that the children sing with the same light, mellow ne when singing the words in Nos. 2 and 3, as when singing the vowel oo in 1.

The following little "songs" may now be taught to the "singing class." e teacher should sing the complete song several times with a light, clear, asant tone, about as fast as a good reader would read the words.

The pitch of all the songs has been very carefully considered, because it is itally important matter.

The teacher is urged not to change the key and not to guess at the pitch. ther a pitch pipe or some instrument is absolutely necessary. Every teacher, ether soprano or contralto, can learn to sing the upper tones in a light, pleasant ce. No other kind of tone-production should ever be used in singing to little ldren, as they will surely imitate the tone of the teacher.

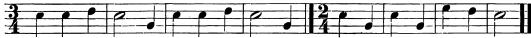




Bow, wow, wow! Whose dog art thou? Lit -tle Tom-my Tin-ker's dog; Bow, wow, wow!







Bells in the stee-ple, Call to the peo-ple; Ding-dong, ding-dong, ding-dong, bell! or additional short, simple songs, see Kindergarten Section, page 71.

The teacher should not sing with the children, but sing for them, always being careful to sing at the correct pitch and with a light, mellow voice. The pitch of the melodies must not be lowered. To get the light, head quality, the upper tones of the voice must be used and the low tones avoided. For the present, children should not sing above F, fifth line.

low E-flat, first line should be avoided for a while, because of the tendency to use the lower thick quality on the low tones. This will encourage

the use of the thin, head voice. Until correct habits are formed, it is unwise to have children sing melodies beginning with the low tones.

The teacher should not fail to give a moment's individual attention to each non-singer, each day. The teacher who is enthusiastic and thoroughly interested, will find occasion to help these children at odd times and encourage them to come to her for assistance. Nearly all will be able to sing in a few months. Not more than one or two in a hundred are incurable monotones. With a skillful teacher in charge, sometimes every child in a first grade class is able to sing by the middle of the year. Investigation proves that nearly all so-called monotones are afflicted in some way and are not in a normal physical condition. The school physician should be consulted. Adenoids, swollen tonsils, catarrh, bronchitis, or other throat trouble, affecting the ear, throat or vocal chords, will usually be discovered. When the cause of the trouble is removed, the singing voice will usually be found to be normal.

HOW TO TEACH A ROTE SONG

Varying conditions materially affect the method of teaching a Rote Song. The character of the melody and of the words, the age and condition of the class, for example, influence the manner of presentation. No two teachers would present a song in exactly the same way. Yet there are certain features common to every successful presentation of a Rote Song.

- 1. The wise teacher does not indulge in baby talk. Children of school age quickly discover and resent any patronizing attitude on the part of the teacher. Two of the most common mistakes of young teachers are to underestimate the common sense of the child and to overestimate his knowledge of words.
- 2. Something about the story of the song is always in order, provided it is sensible and to the point. Long stories are tedious and they waste time.
- 3. The melody should be accurately sung. Even one wrong tone or rhythm is inexcusable, and when once learned is very difficult to correct. The time wasted in correcting a mistake is often sufficient to teach a new song.
- 4. The words should be sung distinctly and naturally. The unimportant words and syllables should not be drawled out, but made subordinate as in good reading.

- 5. The teacher should have the song committed, or be so familiar with words and music as to need only an occasional glance at the printed page.
- 6. If the teacher cannot sing the song acceptably, with fairly good tone and in good style, some other means of teaching the song should be provided. An arrangement may be made with a teacher or pupil from another room, to sing the songs for the children.

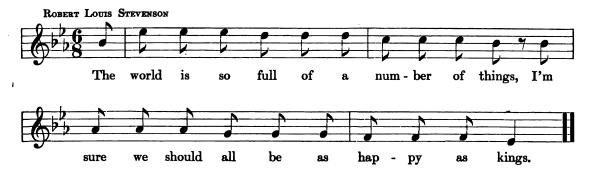
The entire song should be sung to the children several times. The first case should then be sung several times, the children listening and then imitate. When the class has sung the first phrase accurately, the second is taken in same way. The two are then sung together. One phrase at a time should taught until the song is well learned.

Very careful listening by the teacher is necessary to discover mistakes—ong tones, wrong rhythms, wrong pronunciation, and indistinct enunciation. e careful teacher will discover all sorts of combinations which sound like rds in the song, but which are unintelligible and meaningless. The meaning unfamiliar words must be explained and the pronunciation and enunciation efully practiced. By doing thoroughly and well, one stanza or even one-fa stanza of a song at a lesson, much more will be accomplished than by half ning twice as much.

SECTION I

ROTE SONGS

HAPPY THOUGHT



PLAYTIME



Girls and boys, come out to play; The moon is shin-ing bright as day.

THE SEA



Beau-ti-ful sea, foam-ing and free; There is my home, there would I be.

BOBBY SHAFTO



Bob - by Shaf-to's gone to sea, Sil - ver buck-les on his knee;

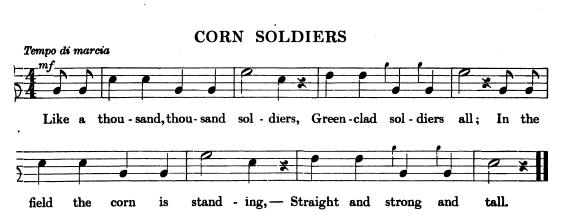


He'll come back and mar - ry me - Pret - ty Bob - by Shaf - to.

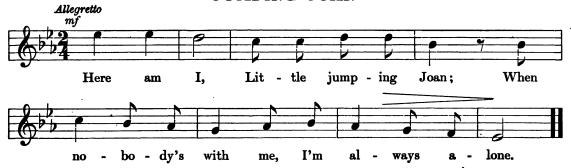








JUMPING JOAN



THE FAIRY FOLK



- 1. Come cud dle close in dad-dy's coat, Be side the fire so bright;
- 2. They love to vis it girls and boys, To see them sweet-ly sleep;



And hear a - bout the fai - ry folk That wan - der in the night.

To stand be - side their co - zy cots And at their fac - es peep.

A RIDDLE



- 1. One, two, three; A bon-ny boat I see; A sil-ver boat and
- 2. One, two, three; The rid-dle tell to me: The moon a float is the



all a-float Up-on a ro-sy sea.. One, two, three; A bon-ny boat I see. bon-ny boat; The sun-set is the sea. One, two, three; A bon-ny boat I see.

THREE RULES

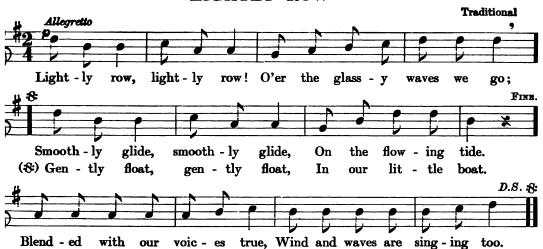


Three lit - tle rules we all should keep, To make life hap-py and bright:

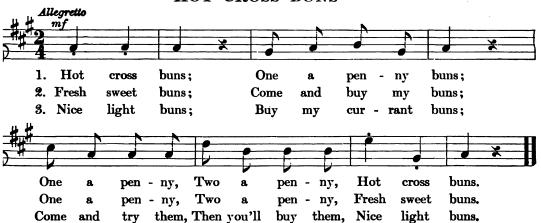


Smile in the morn-ing; Smile at noon; And keep on smil-ing at night.

LIGHTLY ROW



HOT CROSS BUNS



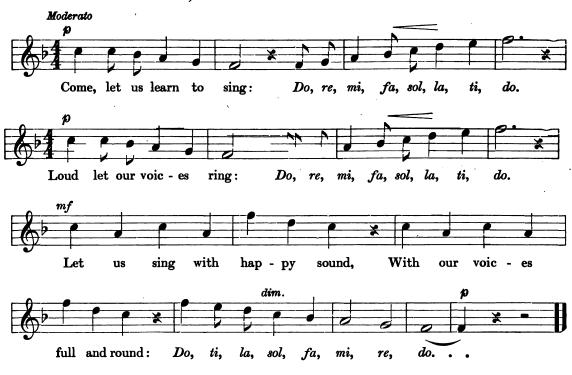
HOP, HOP, HOP



DAPPLE GRAY



COME, LET US LEARN TO SING



THE BELLS



This is the do bell, do, do: This is the sol bell, sol, sol:

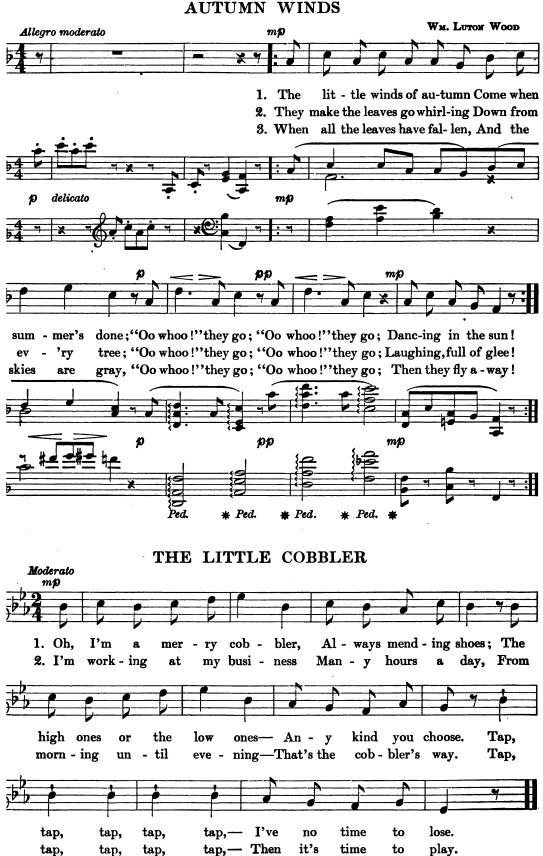


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LULLABY

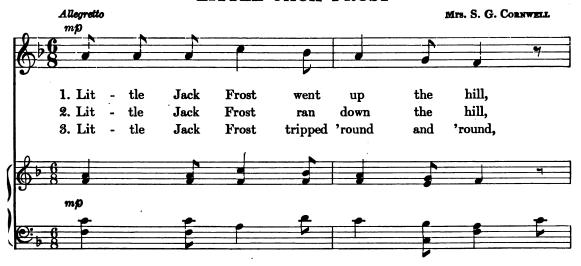




COME, LITTLE LEAVES



LITTLE JACK FROST





Watch-ing the stars and the moon so still; Watch-ing the stars and the Late in the night, when the winds were still; Late in the night, when the Spread-ing white snow on the fro - zen ground; Nip - ping the breez - es, . .





moon so bright, And laugh-ing a - loud.. with all his might. leaves fell down,. Red.. and yel-low and fad - ed brown. ic - ing the streams, And chill-ing the warmth of the sun's bright beams.



TEN LITTLE INDIANS



John Brown had a lit-tle Ind - ian; John Brown had a lit - tle Ind - ian;



John Brown had a lit-tle Ind - ian; One lit-tle Ind - ian boy.



two One lit - tle, lit - tle, three lit - tle Ind ians; Ten lit - tle, nine lit - tle, eight lit - tle Ind ians;



Four lit-tle, five lit-tle, six lit-tle Ind-ians; Sev'n lit-tle, eight lit-tle, Sev'n lit-tle, six lit-tle, five lit-tle Ind-ians; Four lit-tle, three lit-tle,



nine lit - tle Ind - ians; Ten lit - tle Ind - ian boys. two lit - tle Ind - ians; One lit - tle Ind - ian boy.

KING BOGGEN'S HOUSE



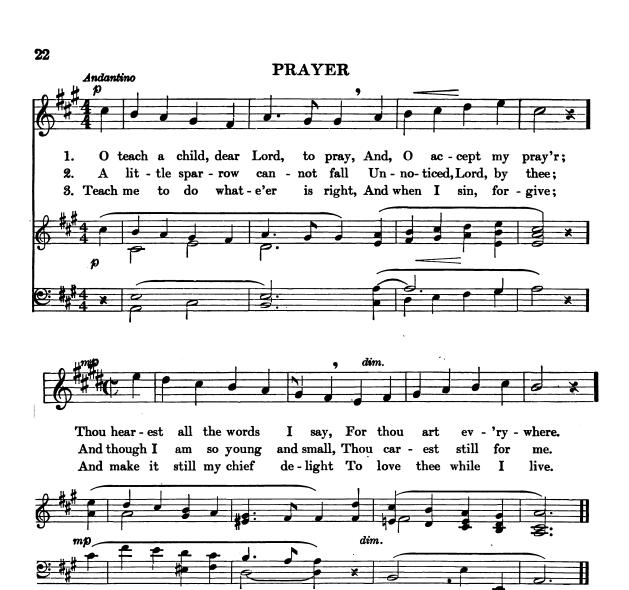
Lit - tle King Bog - gen, he built a fine hall;



Pie crust and pas - try; that was the wall: The win-dows were made of black



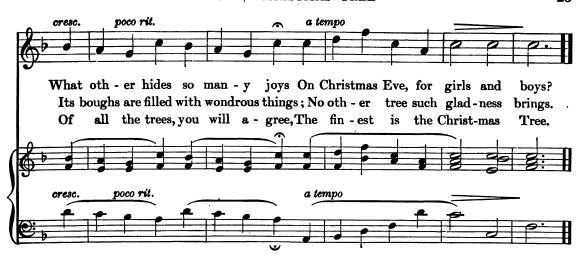
pud-ding, and white; Slat - ed with pan-cakes—you ne'er saw the like!





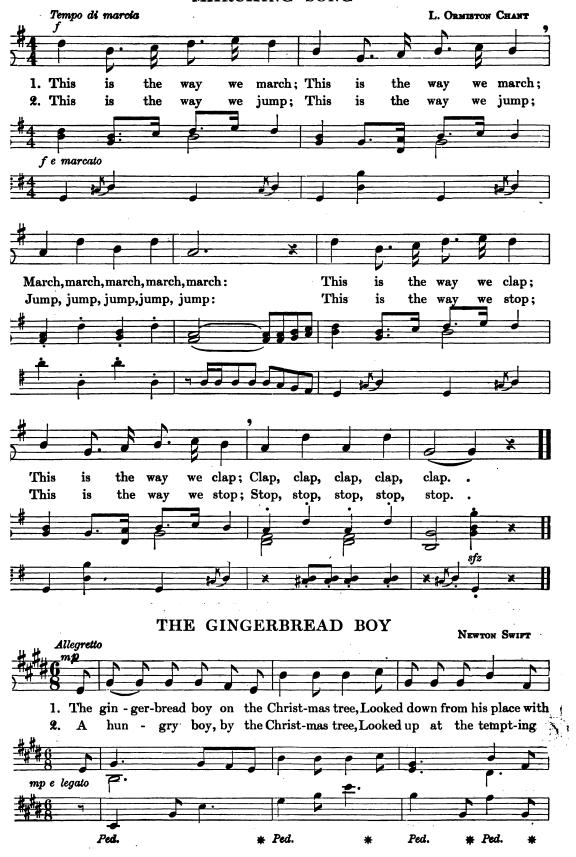
- 1. What tree is there so fair to see, So love ly as the Christ-mas tree?
- 2. When win-ter's snows lie deep and white, With ti ny can-dles spark-ling bright,
- 3. And though it blooms but once a year, And all too soon must dis ap pear,

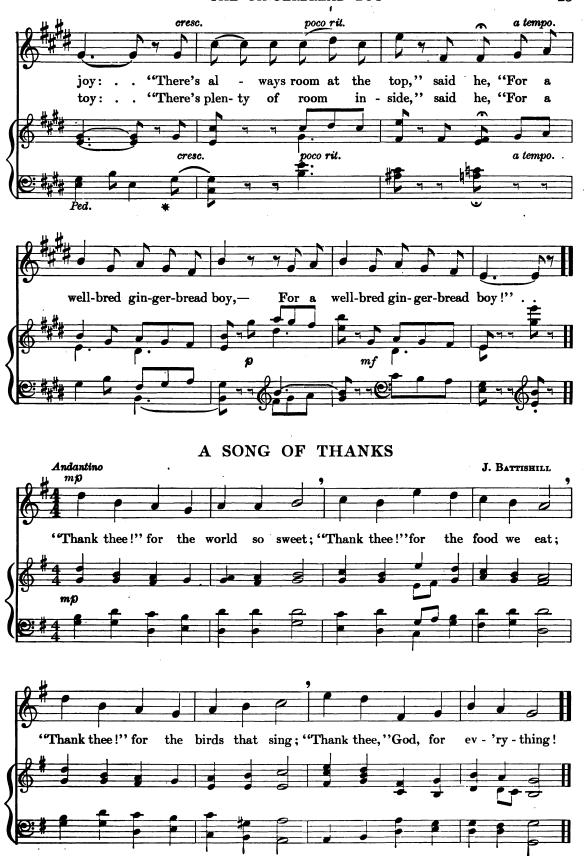






MARCHING SONG





JOLLY SANTA CLAUS



- 1. Jol ly, jol ly San ta Claus, Lean your ear this way! Don't you tell a
- 2. When the clock is strik-ing twelve, When I'm fast a sleep, Down the nar-row
- 3. John ny wants a choo-choo train, Su sy wants a sled; Nel ly wants a





sin - gle soul What I'm going to say; Christ - mas Eve is com - ing soon; chim-ney flue With your pack you'll creep; Soon you'll find the stock-ings there, box of paints, Yel - low, blue, and red. Now I think I'll leave to you





Now, you dear old man, Whis-per what you'll bring to me, Soft-ly as you can. Hang-ing in a row; Mine will be the short-est one, Mend-ed at the toe. What to give the rest: Choose for me, dear San-ta Claus, You will know the best.



SANTA CLAUS



- 1. There's a jol ly lit tle fel low Who comes rid ing in to
- 2. He's a friend of all the chil-dren, For he car-ries on his



town, When the north wind blows his trumpet, And the snow comes dancing down: In a back, Gifts to make their bright eyes sparkle, Safely stowed within his pack; And they



coat of fur and er-mine, He is muf-fled to his chin, And his al-ways hang their stockings By the fire - place, be - cause Christ-mas



face, what - e'er the wea - ther, Al - ways wears a pleas - ant grin. Eve is sure to bring them Pres - ents from old San - ta Claus.

OLD ENGLISH CAROL



Why the an - gels sing for joy,

On the Christmas morn - ing?.

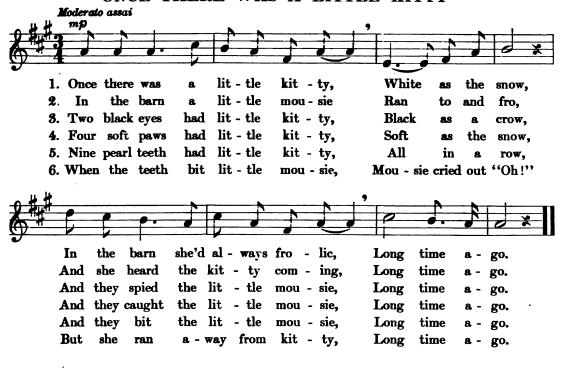
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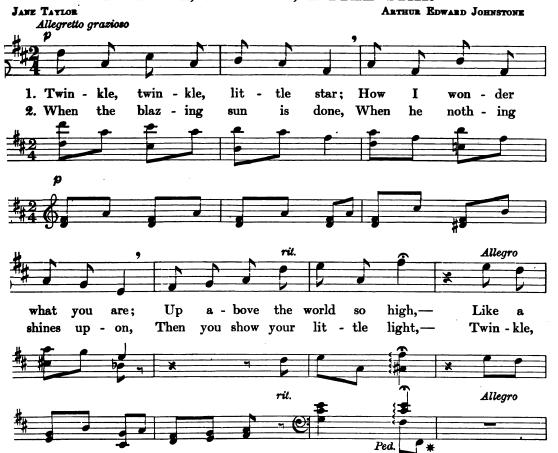
Hark!the an - gels sing it still,

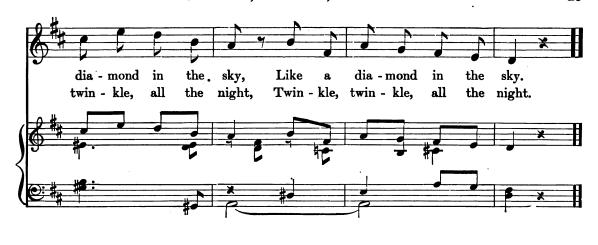
On the Christmas morn - ing. .

ONCE THERE WAS A LITTLE KITTY

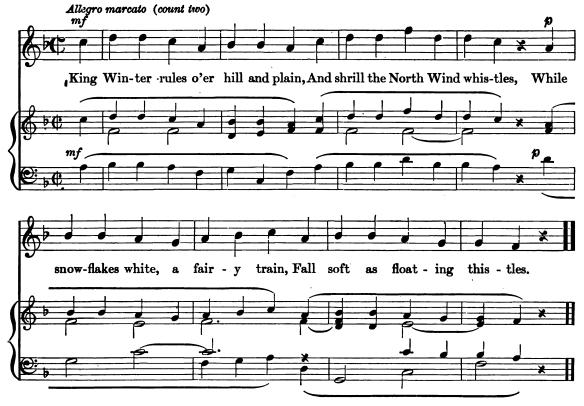


TWINKLE, TWINKLE, LITTLE STAR

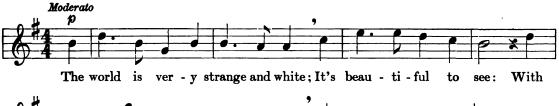




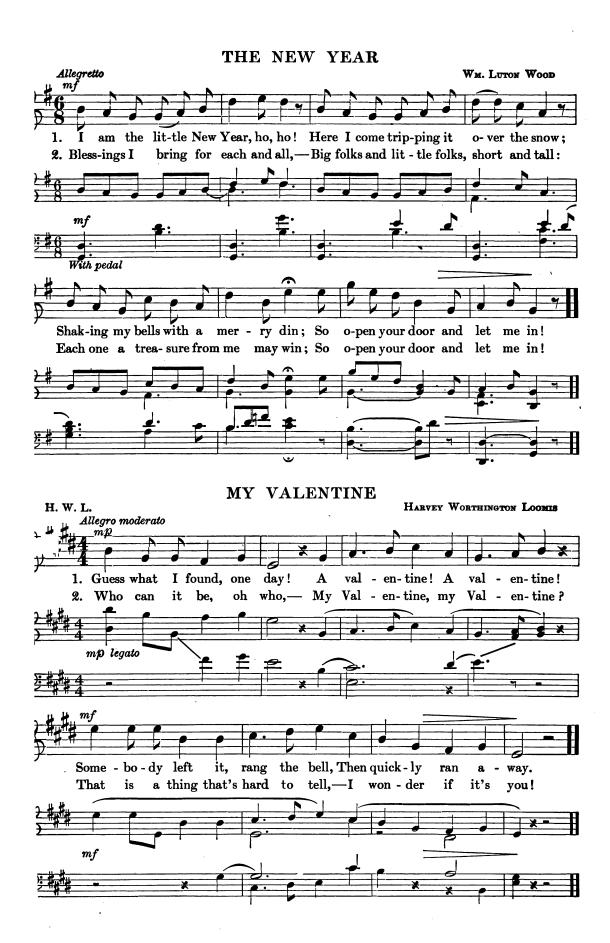
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THE WHITE WORLD



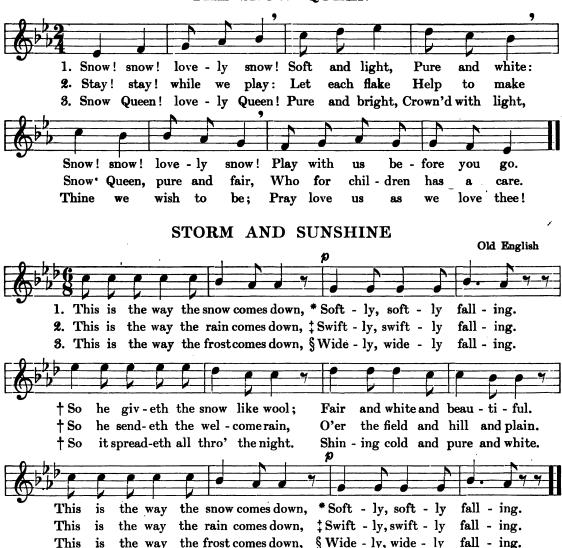
snow up - on the neigh-bor's house, And snow up - on the tree.



SNOWFLAKES

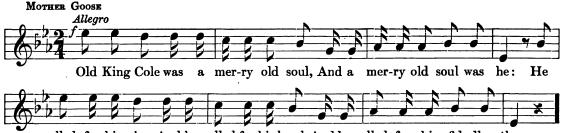


THE SNOW QUEEN



- * Let the lightly raised hands gently fall once only, with fingers rapidly moving.
- † Fold hands.
- ‡ Fingers patter on desks, quickly and lightly.
- § Raised hands waved to right and left.

OLD KING COLE



called for his pipe, And he called for his bowl, And he called for his fid dlers three.

- 2. pi pers three.
- 3. drummers three.
- 4. danc-ers three.



- *1. "Twee dee, twee dee, twee dee, twee dee," went his fid dlers three.
- 2. "Fi fee, fi fee, fi fee, fi fee," went his pi pers three.
- 3. "Drum -mee, drum mee, drum mee, drum mee, "went his drum mers three.
- 4. "Danc ee, danc ee, danc ee, danc ee," went his danc ers three.



"Twee - dee, twee - dee, twee - dee, twee - dee," went his fid - dlers three.

"Fi - fee, fi - fee, fi - fee, fi - fee," went his pi - pers three.

"Drum - mee, drum - mee, drum - mee, drum - mee, drum - mee," went his drum - mers three.

"Danc - ee, danc - ee, danc - ee," went his danc - ers three.

*Action imitating each instrument.

THE COBBLER



- 1. As . . walk ing up and down one day, . I .
- 2. With a nice lit tle awl he makes a hole, . Right.
- 3. So the cob-bler works on through rain y weath er, With his



peep'd thro' the win-dow just o - ver the way, Where put-ting his nee - dle down thro' the up - per; and then thro' the sole, He puts in a peg, or nice lit - tle awl and his small bits of leath-er. Oh, what in this world would



thro' and thro', There sat an old cob-bler a-mak-ing a shoe.

puts in two. Then rap - a - tap - tap, as he hammers them through.

you and I do, If there were no cob-bler to make us a shoe?



Then rap - a - tap-tap, And tick - a-tack-too; This is the way to make a shoe.

THE BLACKSMITH



AFTERNOON GREETING



AIKEN DRUM



There was a man lived in the moon, Lived in the moon, lived in the moon;



There was a man lived in the moon, And his name was Aik - en Drum.



Sing a song of gar - dens; Time is come for sow - ing;

Trees are out, bees are out, ap - ple blooms are blow - ing.



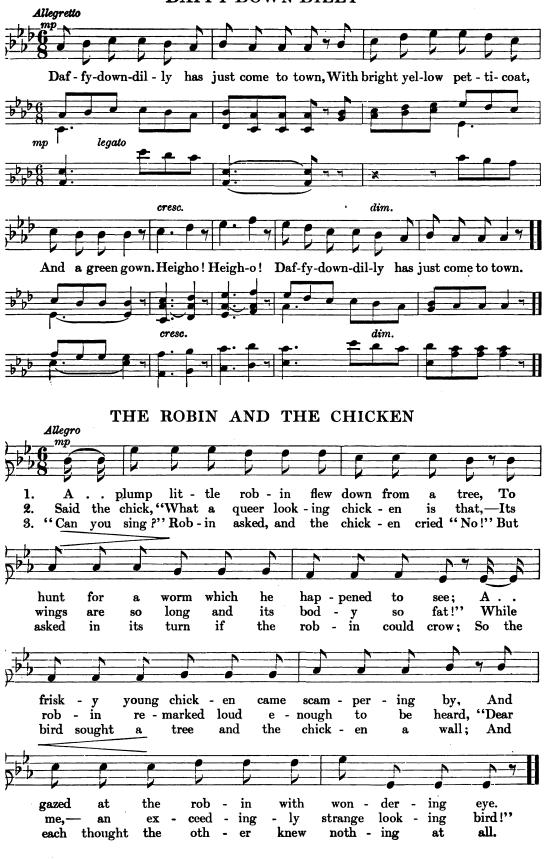
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DAFFY-DOWN-DILLY



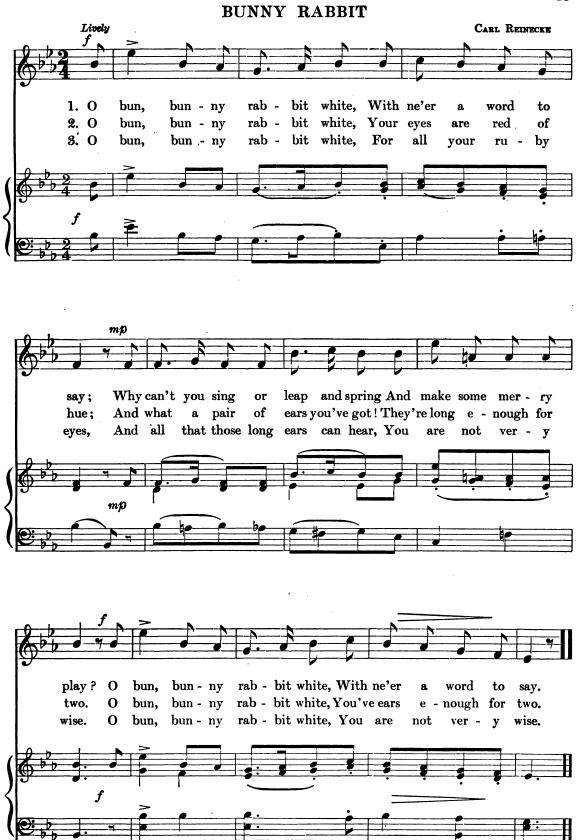
THE SEED BABY



*The last four measures of the third stanza are to be rendered mezzo forte, in order to give the story verisimilitude—in fact the entire third stanza may well be sung with a little more vigor than the first two.

NEWS FOR GARDENERS





THE SONG OF THE EASTER HARE

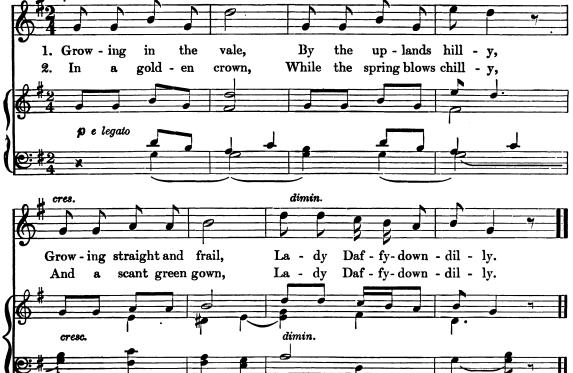


HER FAVORITE COLOR









SIX LITTLE BIRDS



lit-tle birds sat on six lit-tle bush-es; Three of them were robins, and Six

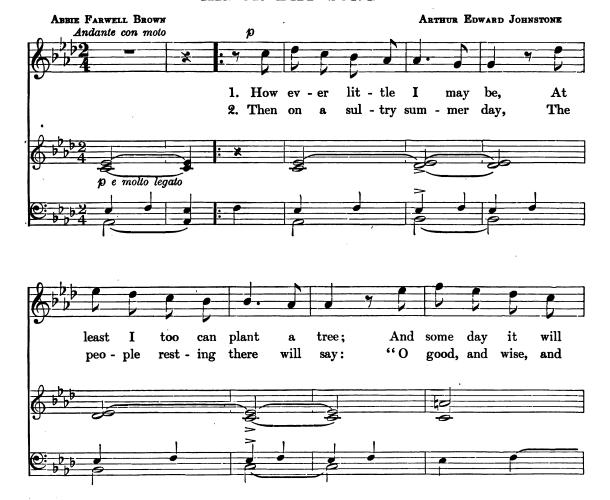


three them were thrush-es: They looked at each oth - er,



if they would say, "Why, where did you come from?" Then they all flew a-way!

ARBOR DAY SONG







cuck -oo,

up in

the trees.

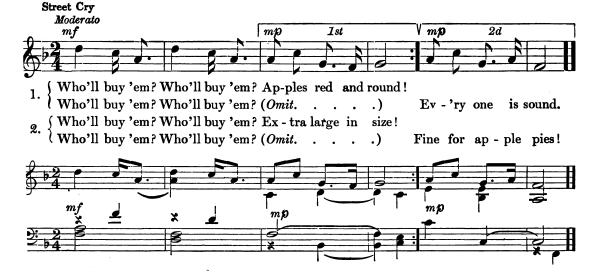
There no one minds you: Cuck-oo,

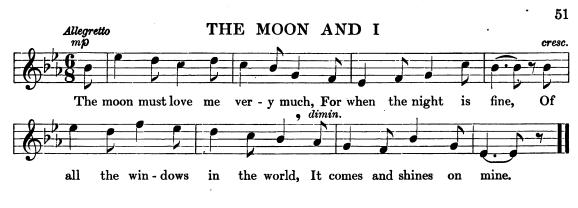


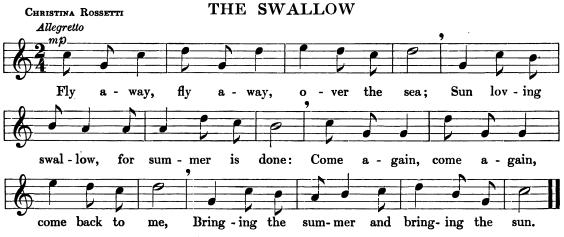
TO BABY-LAND



THE APPLE MAN







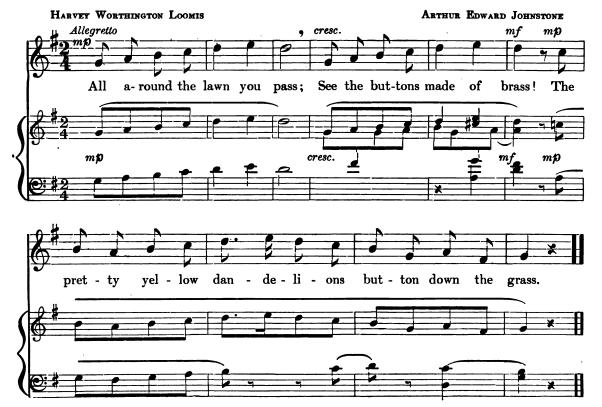


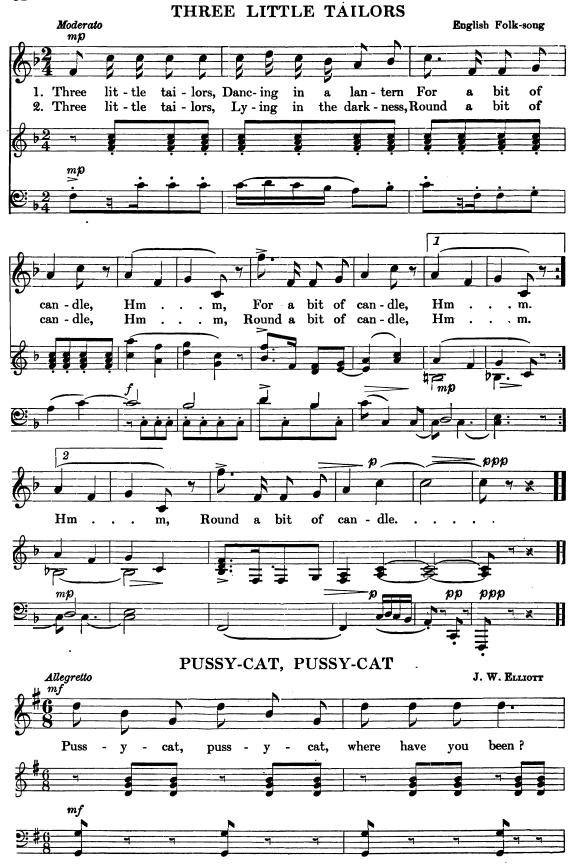
CHILDREN GO, TO AND FRO





DANDELIONS











J. W. Elliott



- 1. Lit tle Bo-peep has lost her sheep, And can't tell where to find them;
- 2. Lit tle Bo-peep fell fast a sleep, And dream'd she heard them bleat-ing;
- 3. Then up she took her lit tle crook, De ter mined she would find them;



Leave them a - lone and they'll come home, Wagging their tails be - hind them. When she a - woke 'twas all a joke; Ah, cru - el vi-sion so fleet - ing. What was her joy to be - hold them nigh, Wagging their tails be - hind them.



"ZOOM, ZOOM, ZOOM"





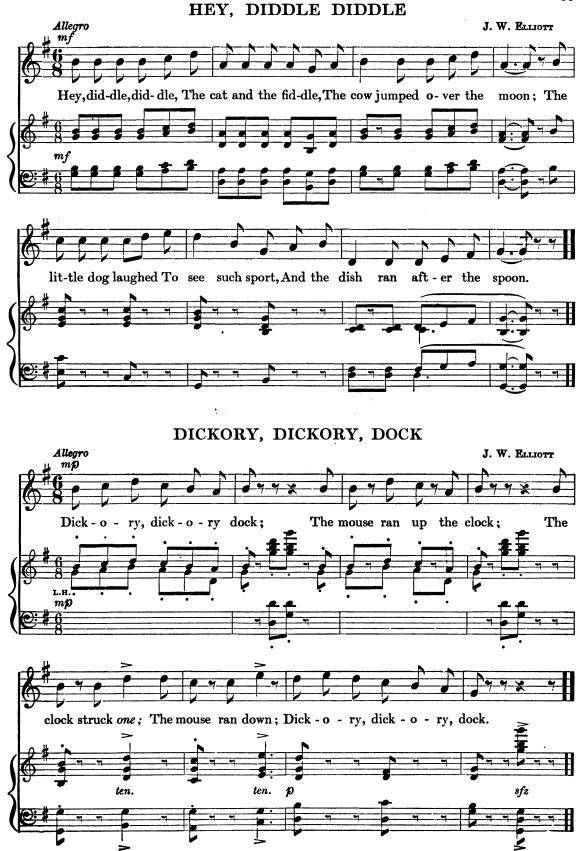
- 1. The lit tle brown ie hon ey bees, The lit tle gold en The lit tle yel low sing ing bees, The naugh ty lit tle
- 2. The pret ty belt ed hum ble bees, The ver y big gest The yel low jack ets wing a long;—Oh, won't you come and



sun - ny bees, Go "zoom, zoom, zoom, zoom, zoom, zoom, zoom!" Oh, hear them hum! sting-ing bees, Go "zoom, zoom, zoom, zoom, zoom, zoom, zoom!" For sum-mer's come. bum-ble-bees, Go "zoom, zoom, zoom, zoom, zoom, zoom, zoom!" For Oh, so long! sing a - long, "Tra - la, la, la, la, la, la!" To join their song!





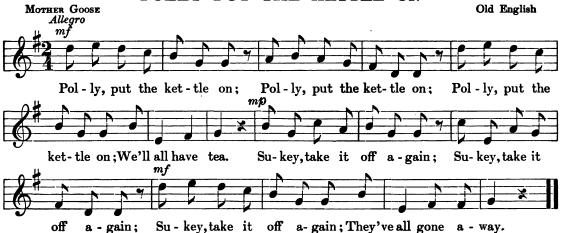


GOOD MORNING, MERRY SUNSHINE

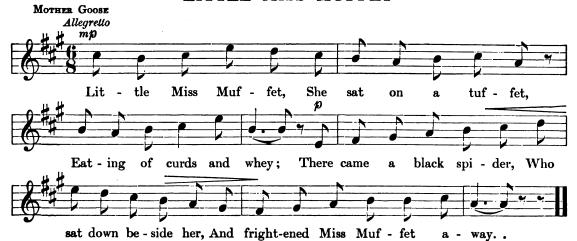


WHERE DO ALL THE DAISIES GO?





LITTLE MISS MUFFET



LADY-BIRD



FAIR FRIENDS





South wind makes the fruit tree grow; The West wind brings the flow'r. North or South, the East or West—Would puz - zle me to tell.

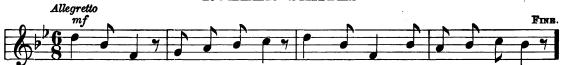


THREE LITTLE KITTENS





ROLLER SKATES



- 1. Rol-ler skates! Buck-le them on; Glide a long as smooth as a swan.
- 3. Rol-ler skates! Clat-ter ing past! Walk ers nev er trav-el as fast.
- 5. Rol-ler skates! Oh, what a noise! Sure to please the girls and the boys.



- 2. Off we race, o ver the street; Ev 'ry skat er is try ing to beat.
- 4. Now we coast; is n't it nice? Here the pave-ment is smooth-er than ice.

TICK-TOCK



- 1. Hark how the clock goes, "Tick-tock, tick-tock;" All he can say is, "Tick-tock, tick-tock;"
- 2. All thro' the day it's, "Tick-tock, tick-tock;" All thro' the night it's, "Tick-tock, tick-tock;"





Oh, such a chatter-box! Talking, talk-ing; "Come, lit-tle tick-tock, tell me the time." Round lit-tle pen-du-lum, Swinging, swinging; "Come, lit-tle tick-tock, tell me the time."

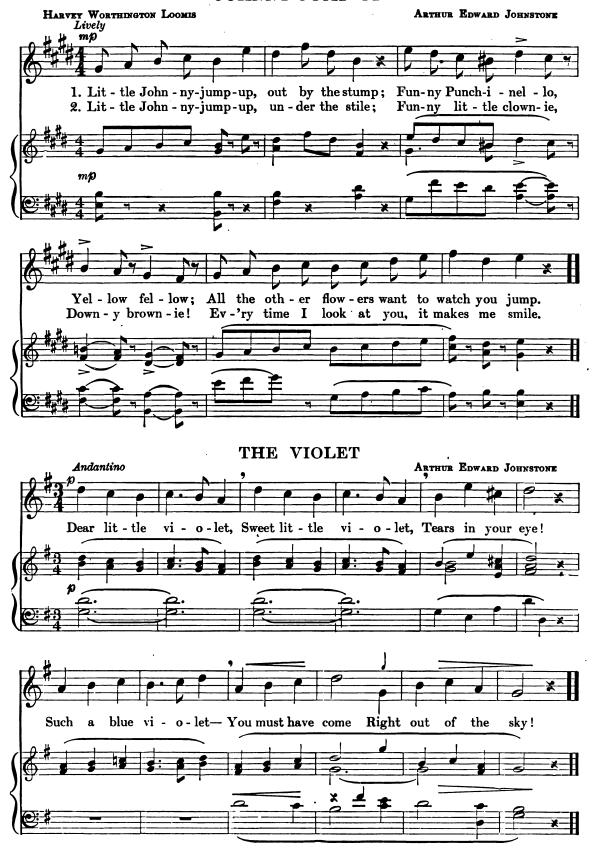


THE PARADE





JOHNNY-JUMP-UP



AMERICA



SECTION II

KINDERGARTEN

The Kindergarten, as a part of the public school system, is becoming the rule rather than the exception in the cities of the United States. The year's work in music in the Kindergarten, if properly conducted, is extremely helpful and beneficial to children. On the other hand, positive injury to the voice, and dulling of the musical sensibilities, as well as loss of time and opportunity, are but too often the results of misdirected effort in the Kindergarten year.

The temptation is very great to begin the teaching of songs too soon. Nothing but failure can result from the attempt to have children sing songs with the piano before they are able to match tones. Such "singing" is only "monotoning," and it actually prevents the child from learning to sing. Continued "monotoning" while others are singing, dulls the ear, deadens the sense of pitch, and makes more difficult the task of teaching the child to sing.

The singing of many half-learned songs with pianoforte accompaniment also develops the pernicious habit of singing wrong words and meaningless combinations of sounds. To be convinced of its futility, one has only to listen to the individual singing of a few children who have been the victims of this sort of teaching.

The Kindergarten spirit of play can and should be retained and used in connection with correct methods of teaching singing to children.

Kindergartners will find that by the use of the methods herein advocated, nothing will have to be unlearned in the higher grades, and steady progress in the right direction will be insured.

The larynx of the child grows very rapidly until the age of six, after which time it does not change materially until puberty. All authorities agree that the singing of little children should be conducted with the greatest care, and that all loud singing and forcing of the voice should be avoided.

Many of the songs found in Kindergarten books are entirely too long and too difficult for the children. This applies to both text and music. The songs should be of the very simplest character. It is hardly necessary to suggest to Kindergarten teachers that the songs used should be correlated with other features of the daily program.

The outline of songs that follows is suggestive only. In selecting additional material, care should be taken that the range (compass) of the songs shall include only that register of the child's voice which it is proper to use at this time. As a rule the song should begin in the middle or upper part of the compass, which should not extend above F, fifth line or below E flat, first line.

If the teacher works faithfully and systematically, nearly all the so-called es may be eliminated before the end of the year, thus gaining several the for the unmusical child who is to enter the first grade.

The first steps in teaching singing in the Kindergarten are identical with ose of the first grade, and the methods are therefore the same. For detailed struction concerning the methods to be employed, see pages 5 to 10.

ACCOMPANIMENTS

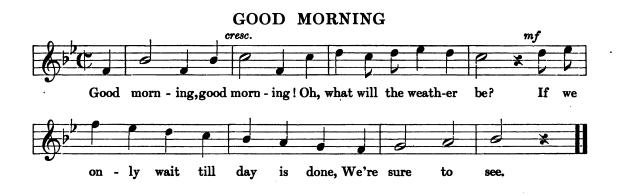
The accompaniment should not be used until the children can sing the song. hile learning a song, the attention of the pupils should be centered upon the clody and the words, and the teacher should give her entire attention to the iging of the pupils.

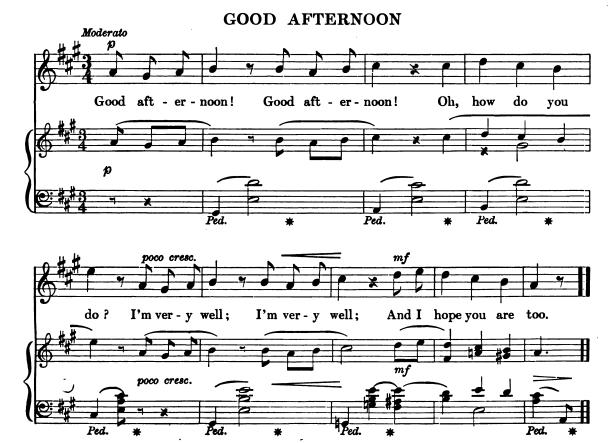
When the accompaniment is played, it is essential that

- 1. The piano be in tune.
- 2. The accompaniment be played precisely as written and not too loudly. rtemporized accompaniments should be avoided.
- 3. The piano should be used sparingly. Singing with piano accompanient should be the exception rather than the rule.

GOOD MORNING SONG







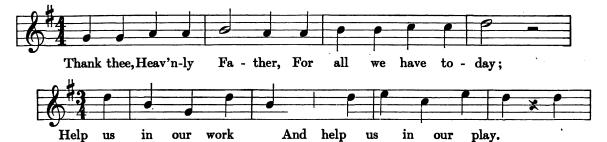
SEPTEMBER

FAMILY SONG

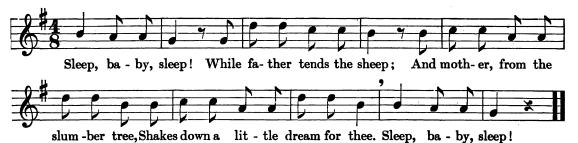


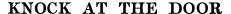
- 1. This is our moth-er; This is our fa-ther; This is our broth-er tall:
- 2. This is our sis-ter; This is our ba-by; Oh, how we love them all!

PRAYER



CRADLE SONG











- 1. My doll has gold en hair I love to make it curl!
- 2. My dol-ly's eyes are blue; They o pen and they close;



I take her ev - 'ry -where, Be - cause she's such a dar - ling girl. Her hat is ver - y new, And moth - er trimmed it with a rose.

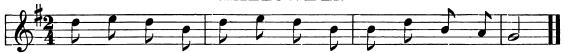
OCTOBER

FALLING LEAVES



eaves are fall - ing all a-round, All a-round, all a-round; See them ly - ing on the ground, On the ground, on the ground.

HALLOWE'EN



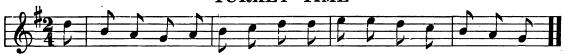
Pump-kins mel - low, lan - terns yel - low, All for Hal - low - e'en!

THE SQUIRREL LOVES A PLEASANT CHASE



NOVEMBER

TURKEY TIME



- 1. Thanks-giv ing Day will soon be here; It comes a round but once a year.
- 2. If I could on ly have my way, We'd have Thanksgiving ev 'ry day!

FEEDING BIRDS



- 1. Bird-ies in sum-mer, happy and snug; Breakfast of ber-ry, din-ner of bug.
- 2. Bird-ies in win-ter, they must be fed; Let the kind chil-dren scat-ter their bread.

JACK FROST



How the wind blows! How the cold grows! Jack Frost is com-ing; Look out for your toes!

BAA, BAA, BLACK SHEEP





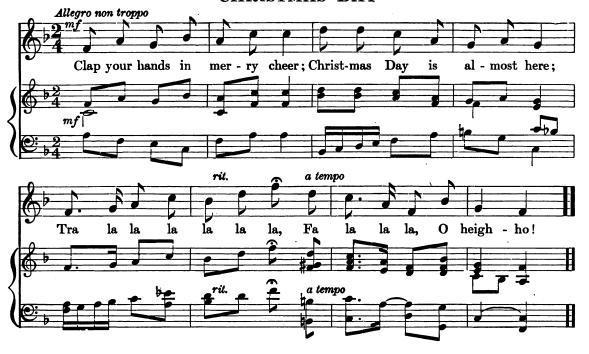
On cool No - vem -ber morn - ings, Clouds sail light - ly; The wind goes "Oo!"



And in the nights, the bon - fires Blaze up bright - ly; The wind goes "Oo!" THANKSGIVING PRAYER, page 25.

DECEMBER

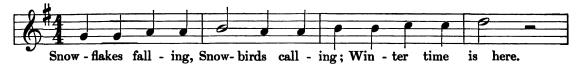




THE CHRISTMAS TREE



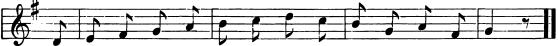
WINTER TIME



FLAKES OF SNOW



- 1. The flakes of snow are fly ing fast Like hap py swarms of bees;
- 2. They chase each oth er down the lane; Oh, how they love to play!



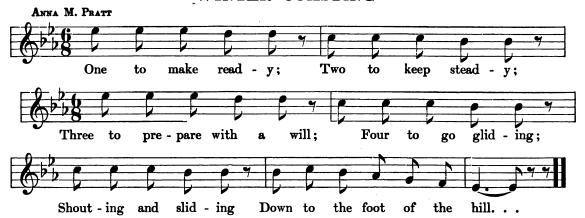
They set - tle on the gar - den - bed Or rest up - on the trees. But ev - 'ry time I catch a flake It sim - ply melts a - way.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE, page 23. SNOWFLAKES, page 31.

TWINKLE, TWINKLE, page 28.

JANUARY

WINTER COASTING

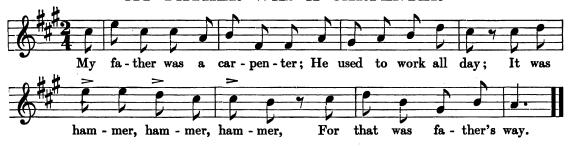


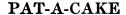
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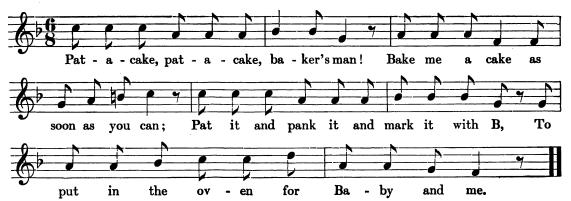


- 1. The Es ki mo lives far from here, Up North, where snow lasts all the year.
- 2. Six months the sun is shin-ing bright; The oth-er six are dark as night.
- 3. The Es ki mos have huts of snow Be cause they have no wood, you know.
- 4. Their faith-ful dogs can draw the sledge A long the rock y, i cy ledge.

MY FATHER WAS A CARPENTER







THE BLACKSMITH, page 84.

THE COBBLER, page \$8.

FEBRUARY

FIVE LITTLE GIRLS



Five lit - tle girls with hearts so light; Five lit - tle bowls of milk so white;



Five lit-tle girls with an ap - pe-tite; Five lit-tle bowls all emp-ty quite.

A VALENTINE



If you will be my Val-en-tine, My charm-ing lit-tle dear, The



sun can nev - er help but shine Throughout the com - ing year.

THE MINER

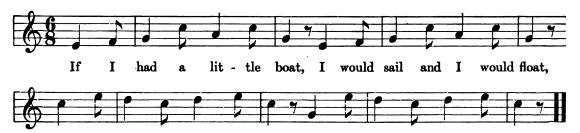


The min - er works be - neath the ground, To get the i - ron out;



A lit - tle lamp up - on his head To show the way a - bout.

A WISH

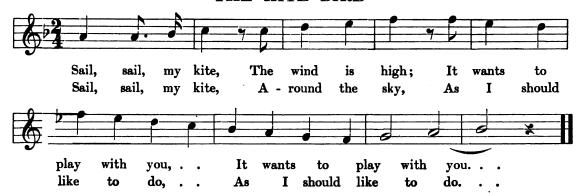


Like a ro - ver, proud and free, All a - cross the sil - ver sea.

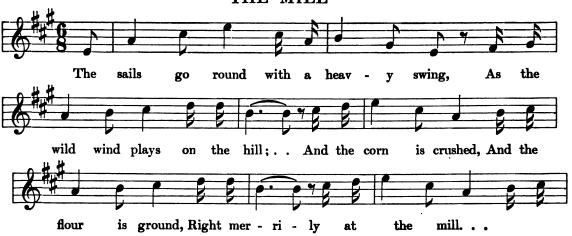
AMERICA, one stanza, page 70. MARCHING SONG, page 24. FLAG SONG, page 36. VALENTINE SONG, page 30.

MARCH

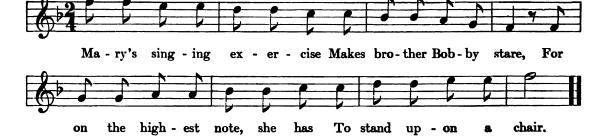
THE KITE BIRD



THE MILL



A JINGLE



THE WIND



- 1. O wind how strong you blow to -day! You blow so ma ny things a way;
- 2. You blow the blos-soms from the trees; You blow the but-ter-flies and bees;
- 3. You blow the birds a bout the sky; You make the clouds go sail ing by.

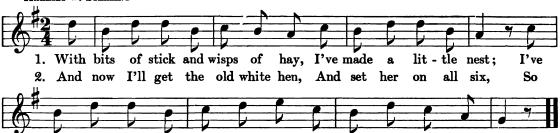
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A VISITOR



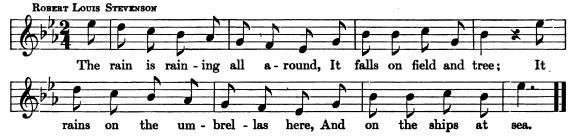
AN EASTER JINGLE





cho - sen from my Eas - ter eggs The ones that I like best. she'll hatch out some red and blue And pink and yel - low chicks.

THE RAIN



RAINDROPS



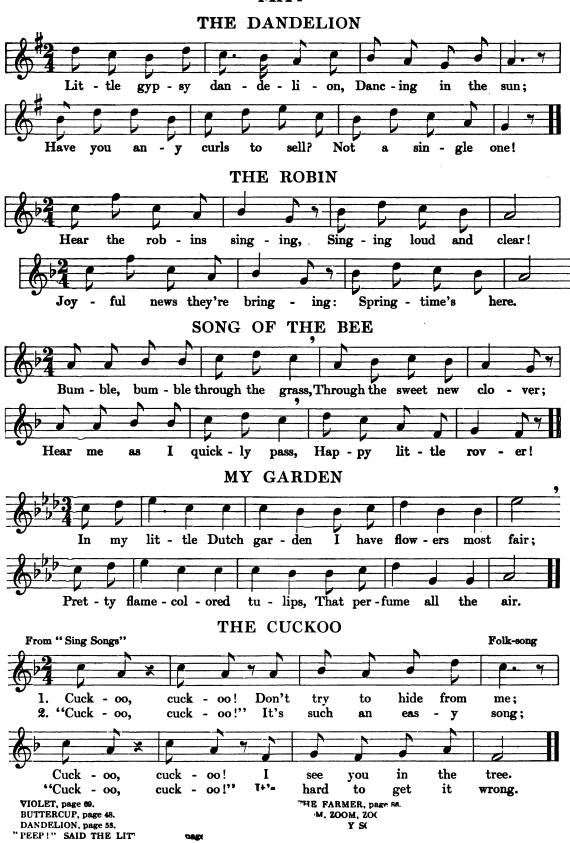
THE LITTLE HEN



SONG OF THE EASTER HARE, page 44. NEWS FOR GARDENERS, page 46.

THE HEN AND CHICKENS, (from "Finger Plays,"
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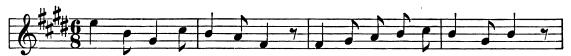
MAY



JUNE



DAISIES



- 1. Dai sies, dai sies, ev 'ry-where! See them nod in the sun ny air;
- 2. Thread the flow'rs to-geth-er now; Come to me and I'll show you how;



Grow-ing wild in fields and lanes — June's the sea-son for dai - sy-chains. Here's a neck-lace, boys and girls, Just as good as a string of pearls.





SONGS WITH GAMES

THE MAYPOLE



A dance and game may be arranged by the teacher, following the words of the song. The actions are clearly indicated by the text.

ON THE BRIDGE



Dance round in a circle from (A) to (B); then stand, and at (C), (D), and (E), perform actions indicated. (C) Girls hold frocks, making deep curtsy; boys bow. (D) Stand erect and mark time with feet. (E) Loose hands and all dance lightly out in single file.

THE FARMER



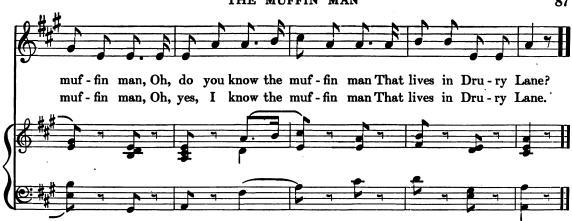
(A) Action of sowing—left arm folded across breast, right hand taking grain out and scatning it. (B) Action of reaping with a sickle—left hand holding plant, right hand cutting it wn. (C) Action of threshing with a flail, stamping at same time.











Two circles of children. I. Outer circle to remain standing while inner circle marches around, singing and marking time with index-fingers, "Oh, do you know the muffin man?"

II. Inner circle stands while outer circle marches around in opposite direction, singing and bowing, "Oh, yes, I know the muffin man."



Some of the children sing while others form a ring, taking hold of hands, side-skipping to the right, with the words, "Sally go round the moon"; to the left, with the words, "Sally go round the chimney pots"; to the left, with the words, "Every afternoon." Then they give a springing jump, at the word "-noon," coming down on the balls of the feet precisely at the word "Bump!"

A-HUNTING WE WILL GO



Inner and outer circles are to be formed by the children, standing back to back. The inner circle represents the "box." The outer circle represents the "hunters." One child is chosen for a "fox."

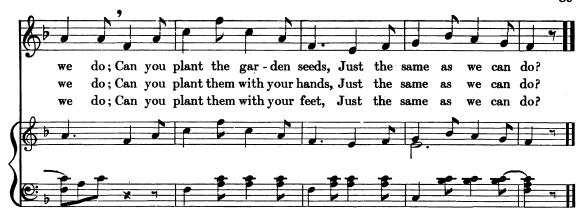
The fox runs continuously and lightly around the outer circle until, at the word "go" of the song, the child nearest the fox captures him and puts him in the "box."

The interest is caused by the wonder of just where the fox will be at the word "go."

The entire play may be repeated until two or three foxes are captured and put in the box; then they are fed and released.







1. Each child chooses a partner. All march round in a circle, singing. 2. All march round, imitating the sower's motion of throwing out the seeds. 3. All face about (as a farmer would upon reaching the end of the row) and march round as though tramping seeds into the earth.

LITTLE JACK HORNER



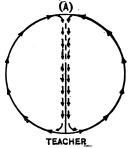
"Little Jack" sits in the corner going through the characteristic motions. Another child goes to visit him, to see how many plums Jack has. When the plums are counted, the number is written on the board. (If very young children, pictures of plums may be drawn.) Then another "Jack" and "visitor" are chosen, their score being put on the board. The counting and comparing are done by all the children, who clap each time.

LONDON BRIDGE

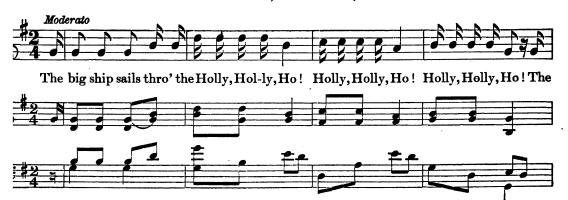


Children march round in a circle; take partners at (A), and rch down. Partners stand in line before teacher, and at the rds, "falling down," drop to the floor, bending at the knee, eping with the rhythm of the song, until all the bridge has fal1.

Each couple rises with the accent, as the couple in front stands 1 marches on, separating and marching round in a circle. This ries on the thought of falling and rebuilding.



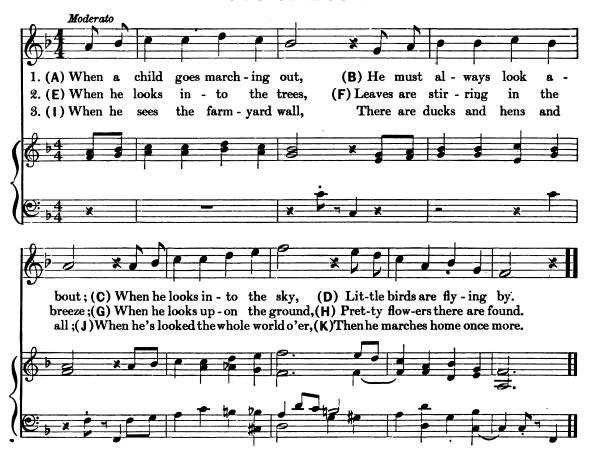
THE HOLLY, HOLLY, HO





Children form in a circle, joining hands and singing. One child, representing a ship, runs in and out, stopping at the end, in front of another child. The one chosen now represents the ship. The game may be continued in this way until all have been chosen.





Children form in line for marching.

From (A) to (C) lift feet in time as though marching. (B). Look about. (C). Look upwards. (D). Wave hands up and down, moving fingers. (E). Look up sideways. (F). Move hands, palms downwards from side to side. (G). Look down. (H). Point to the ground. (I). All point to the right, lifting both hands up to imitate the birds flying. (J). Mark time. (K). Half turn to right and march to seats in single file.



Two straight lines of children, facing each other, with "street" between. A soldier boy marches down the street, the children singing, (A). At the word "Blue," the soldier boy stops with military precision and sings alone, (B). He bows politely before some child, who marches behind him. (C). This may be repeated until all the children are chosen.

ROUND AND ROUND THE VILLAGE



THE MULBERRY BUSH



- 5 This is the way we mend our clothes,
 We mend our clothes, we mend our clothes;
 This is the way we mend our clothes,
 So early Thursday morning.
- 6 This is the way we sweep the floor,
 We sweep the floor, we sweep the floor;
 This is the way we sweep the floor,
 So early Friday morning.
- 7 This is the way we bake our bread, We bake our bread, we bake our bread; This is the way we bake our bread, So early Saturday morning.
- 8 This is the way we go to church,
 We go to church, we go to church;
 This is the way we go to church,
 So early Sunday morning.

Two circles of children facing each other.

The children in the inner circle represent (1) the mulberry bush; (2) washtubs; (3) ironing boards; (4) pails; (5) sewing machines; (6) broom hooks; (7) baking bowls; (8) churches with steeples.

The children in outer circle (singing) (1) march around the mulberry bush; (2) pretend to wash the clothes; (3) iron; (4) scrub; etc.

To repeat game, reverse circles.

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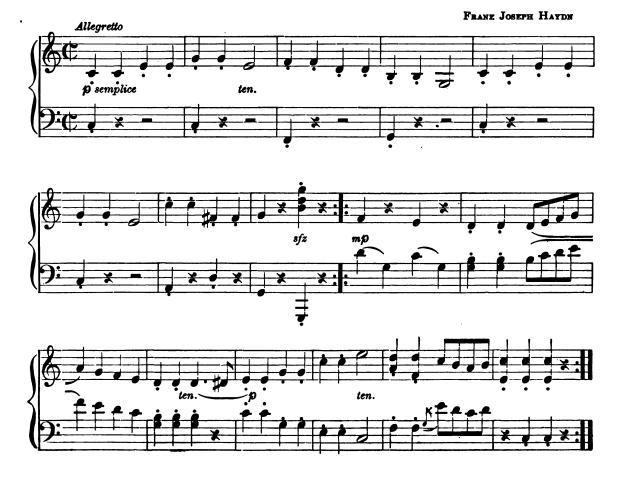




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